

REMARK

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 16, 18-22, 24-28, and 30-31 are pending. No claims have been amended, cancelled, or added. Therefore, claims 16, 18-22, 24-28, and 30-31 are now presented for examination.

Applicant requests consideration of the reference cited in the information disclosure statement filed concurrently herewith. No amendments have been made to the claims.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

The Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.


Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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